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Cops probe deaths of infant twins

Tragedy at First Nation not immediately considered a crime.

Brothers, seven months old, found not breathing at home



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An RCMP major crimes unit is investigating the sudden deaths of twin baby boys at a First Nation in west-central Saskatchewan.

Police began probing on Monday after the seven-month-old brothers were taken by ambulance to a health centre in Loon Lake from Makwa Sahgaiehan First Nation, where a 911 call was made by a family member at their home at about 10:30 a.m.

The caller told police "that the two male twin infants were not breathing," Sgt. Shawn Carter told Metro on Tuesday

from a Loon Lake detachment, whose officers responded with paramedics to the nearby reserve about 55 kilometres west of Meadow Lake.

"The doctor saw the two little fellows and pronounced them dead."

Officers were at the First Nation, about a 90-minute drive northwest of North Battleford, again on Tuesday to talk to residents and gather information. Despite the involvement of the Saskatoon-based major crimes unit in the probe, the incident is not immediately considered a crime.

"It's not a criminal investigation at this point. But we have to treat it as suspicious until proven otherwise," Carter explained.

"We're trying to gather all the information we can, and put all the pieces of the puzzle together to determine the cause of death."

Autopsies will be conducted in Saskatoon on Wednesday.

The twins, Carter said, were the only children of a young couple — whom police haven't

named — at Makwa Sahgaiehan, a community of more than 800 people.

Carter gave no further information on the conditions of the babies or on any possible injuries when they were first seen by officers at the home following the call to 911.

The simultaneous deaths, he said, have prompted more police attention than what might have occurred through a single fatality.

"It's two infants," Carter noted.

"That piqued our interest ... but at this point, the cause of death — we haven't determined that."

It's been "ages" since the First Nation experienced a tragedy prompting police to investigate, he added.

"I think people are taking it pretty hard. It's a sad, tragic set of circumstances. It's unfortunate, and it's not something that is normal for anyone," he said.

"Any way you look at it, it's terrible. It's not something that you would wish on any parent."



REFLECTING ON A LEGACY

A boy looks up to the skies during the memorial service for former South African president Nelson Mandela at the FNB Stadium in Soweto, near Johannesburg, South Africa, on Tuesday. Story, page 4.

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Charities struggling to meet Christmas fundraising goals

Holiday crunch. One organization attributes drop in donations to economic climate as target deadlines near



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Regina's Christmas fundraisers are in full swing, but despite December being the season for giving, some organizations are feeling the pinch.

"We just don't have enough gifts," said Aaron Cross, who's organizing Youth for Christ's (YFC) Christmas party for less fortunate children.

"Unfortunately, this is pretty typical and ... it really comes down to the wire."

YFC hopes to gather presents for each of the 350

kids attending its party on Saturday at Zeike's Place. Donations are welcome until Thursday but so far, they've received only about 120 gifts.

Regina Food Bank's long-running 12 Days of Christmas fundraiser, aimed at providing holiday hampers to 1,800 families across the city, is also affected by the crunch.

By Tuesday morning, the food bank had raised a total of \$79,000 — more than \$50,000 away from its targeted \$135,000.

It has three more days to meet its goal.

"Normally we'll reach and surpass our goals, but it's been a little difficult in the past two years," said marketing and special events manager Todd McCauley.

"These are difficult economic times ... and some people are struggling."

Cross and McCauley remain optimistic.

"We're doing better than yesterday when we just had 15 presents and some people have pledged more gifts, so we're really hoping for the best," Cross said.

Around the city, other Christmas fundraisers continue to garner support from Regina.

Good Earth Café started



Good Earth Café supervisor Gem Vu said they continue to receive support for their annual Habitat for Humanity gingerbread campaign, but other organizations are struggling to meet their fundraising goals for Christmas. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

its annual gingerbread cookie campaign on Tuesday to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. A dollar from every \$6.25 gingerbread cookie goes toward creating affordable

housing for those in need.

Store supervisor Gem Vu said they've sold more and more gingerbread cookies every year.

"I think people are just

happy to help, even if it's a small amount," Vu said.

Presents for the YFC Christmas party can be dropped off at 2025 Lorne St. until 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Help the helpers

"Normally we'll reach and surpass our goals, but it's been a little difficult in the past two years."

Regina Food Bank marketing and special events manager Todd McCauley

Finance minister asked to step down after audit



NDP Leader Cam Broten is calling for Finance Minister Ken Krawetz to step down. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

The Opposition New Democrats are calling for the resignation of Finance Minister Ken Krawetz after the provincial auditor issued an adverse opinion last week on the government's financial statements for "pervasive" accounting errors.

"For the first time ever in Canada, an independent provincial auditor has filed an adverse audit opinion — it's a huge failure of this finance

minister and this government," NDP Leader Cam Broten said on Tuesday.

"If this was a publicly-traded company, it could lead to the delisting of the company off the stock exchange."

In her report, acting auditor Judy Ferguson slammed the Saskatchewan Party government for not following generally accepted Canadian accounting principles, including

inappropriately categorizing transfers from a rainy-day fund as revenue and recording funding for capital projects as assets instead of as expenses.

If the government had followed proper accounting procedures, Ferguson said, the province's general revenue fund would show a deficit of \$590 million for the year, instead of the reported \$58-million surplus.

"This is really about the government not putting everything on the books," Broten added. "It's completely unacceptable."

Krawetz was not made available by the Saskatchewan Party for comment on Tuesday.

Kathy Young, spokeswoman for the government, defended Krawetz as the "best finance minister in Canada."

MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Former Regina Inn

City hotel reopens after \$40M facelift

One of the Queen City's flagship hotels has reopened after a \$40-million facelift, and with a new name.

The former Regina Inn officially kicked off business on Tuesday as the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel and Conference Centre Regina.

A 10-month closure for renovations has led, in part, to what hotel general manager Mike Wurster describes as a "very sexy" restaurant and bar adjoining its lobby.

Steve Giblin, president and CEO of SilverBirch Hotels and Resorts, said the hotel's staffing has been increased to about 200 employees in addition to upgrades throughout the "really beautiful" downtown inn. METRO



Hotel general manager Mike Wurster, left, and SilverBirch Hotels president Steve Giblin. ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO

Fatal crash

Coroner urges new rules for city buses

A coroner's report says a Regina woman — who died in March after a city bus hit a sign that then fell over and struck her in February — died of a severe traumatic brain injury.

The coroner's report says unusual skid marks showed

that the rear left brake on the bus wasn't working.

The coroner's office is making two recommendations to prevent similar deaths. It says the city's bus maintenance rules should be independently reviewed, and that the Saskatchewan government should legislate safety standards for all municipal buses carrying more than 10 passengers.

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Two girls dance in the rain outside of the memorial service for former South African president Nelson Mandela at the FNB Stadium in Soweto, near Johannesburg, on Tuesday. TSVANGIRAYI MUKWAZHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands celebrate life of Nelson Mandela

South Africa. Obama gives rousing eulogy at spirited public memorial service

Amid cheers and song for the prisoner who became a peacemaker, President Barack Obama energized tens of thousands of spectators and nearly 100 visiting heads of state Tuesday with a plea for the world to emulate Nelson Mandela, "the last great liberator of the 20th century."

Obama's eulogy was the rhetorical highlight of a memorial service in which South Africans celebrated Mandela's life with singing and dancing, often during dignitaries' speeches. They also booed their own president and were chided by a top government official who said: "Let's not embarrass ourselves."



U.S. President Barack Obama speaks to crowds attending the memorial service for Nelson Mandela on Tuesday. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama hailed Mandela, who died Thursday at 95, as the unlikely leader of a movement that gave "potent voice to the claims of the oppressed and the moral necessity of racial justice."

He pointed out that "around the world today, men and women are still imprisoned for their political beliefs, and are still persecuted for what they look like, or how they worship, or who they love."

Obama, who like Mandela became the first black president of his country, said he was inspired by Mandela as a student. The speech was greeted with thunderous applause, and many heads of state and other foreign dignitaries gave a standing ovation.

Lashing rain lent a free-wheeling aspect to the memorial, with people taking shelter in the stadium's wide hallways, where they sang

anti-apartheid anthems from the 1970s and 1980s. Foul weather kept many away, and the 95,000-capacity stadium was only two-thirds full.

The rain was seen as a blessing among many of South Africa's majority black population. "Only great, great people are memorialized with it," said Harry Tshabalala, a driver for the justice ministry. "Rain is life. This is perfect weather for us on this occasion."

People blew on vuvuzelas, the plastic horn that was widely used during the 2010 World Cup soccer tournament in South Africa, and sang songs throughout the event.

"It is a moment of sadness celebrated by song and dance, which is what we South Africans do," said Xolisa Madywabe, CEO of a South African investment firm.

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Canadian emissaries attend Mandela memorial

As tens of thousands of people gathered to celebrate the life of Nelson Mandela, so did many political leaders from around the world.

A powerful coalition of politically diverse emissaries from across Canada were on hand for the four-hour ceremony, including Prime Minister Stephen Harper and four of

his predecessors — Jean Chretien, Kim Campbell, Brian Mulroney and Joe Clark.

"Today was more a celebration than a funeral," Harper said as the ceremony came to a close. "A celebration of a very long life, but a very important life."

He called Mandela "one of the giants of history."

Chretien said the exuberance made it unlike any memorial he had seen. He recalled that his government made Mandela an honorary citizen of Canada. "Whenever he would meet me, he would say, 'Hi, my prime minister.'"

Alberta Premier Alison Redford, who was also part of the delegation, worked for

Mandela in the early 1990s, when South Africa was in transition out of apartheid and developing a new constitution.

"He was a very tough taskmaster," Redford said as she reflected on her time with Mandela. "He always had a sense of humour and I think that's what kept him on track."

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Toronto. Rob Ford refuses to apologize for making insinuation against reporter

Asked on Tuesday if he would say sorry to Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale or clarify the comments he made during a Vision TV interview with former media baron and convicted felon Conrad Black, Rob Ford was emphatic.

"I stand by my words, what I said with Conrad Black," Ford said at a news conference, his voice rising. "I stand by every word I said."

Black had asked Ford in an interview that aired Monday about media intrusion on his family's privacy, and Ford singled out Dale for an incident that happened in May 2012.

Dale has said he was writing a story about a plot of public land adjacent to Ford's house that the mayor was looking to buy, so he had gone to take a look at it when the mayor emerged from his home to confront him.

"Daniel Dale is in my backyard taking pictures. I have little kids. He's taking pictures

of little kids," Ford said in the interview, taped Friday. "I don't want to say that word but you start thinking what this guy is all about."

During Tuesday's news conference reporters asked Ford to specify "the word."

"If you watch the interview you'll know what I said," Ford said angrily.

Earlier Tuesday, Dale denounced Ford's suggestion as "categorically false."

"In the calmest terms possible, it is unpleasant when the mayor of the biggest city in Canada essentially accuses you, or suggests, you are a pedophile," he said.

Dale said at no time did he ever take any photographs of the mayor's family, house or even his property — and a police investigation bore that out.

Dale added he had made no decision on whether to sue, saying the matter was in the hands of Star lawyers.

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Conrad Black interviews Toronto Mayor Rob Ford on his show on Vision TV on Monday. CONTRIBUTED

Canadian literature

Alice Munro's daughter accepts Nobel Prize

Alice Munro proudly watched her daughter Jenny accept the Nobel Prize in literature on her behalf in Stockholm on Tuesday.

Jenny Munro made the trip to the Swedish capital because her mother was not well enough to do so.

She received the Nobel Medal, a diploma and a document confirming the \$1.2-million award from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

"I think it does sound like fun but it also sounds like a great deal of stamina (was) required," Alice Munro said. "I'm quite glad to have my daughter do this for me, and I think she looked wonderful."

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New Brunswick

Pot-smoking Mountie charged with assault

The Public Safety Department for Fredericton says a Mountie who publicly complained about not being able to smoke medicinal marijuana while on the job was subdued with a stun gun and charged with assaulting another RCMP officer.

A spokeswoman for the department says Cpl. Ron Francis is undergoing a psychiatric assessment at the Restigouche Hospital Centre in northern New Brunswick after he was arrested last week.

An RCMP spokeswoman said the Mounties were concerned about Francis's well-being when they found him Friday on a street in downtown Fredericton. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Altruism? Silicon Valley fights to protect personal data ... and the bottom line

Even as Silicon Valley speaks out against the U.S. government's surveillance methods, technology companies are turning a handsome profit by mining personal data and peering into people's online habits.

The industry's profit machine has become tarnished by revelations that the National Security Agency digs deep into the everyday lives of Web surfers. As a result, companies including Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft and Yahoo are becoming more aggressive in their attempts to counter any

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Lululemon founder resigns after latest gaffe

Stretching in new directions. The Vancouver-based company names a new CEO as it moves on from its annus horribilis

Lululemon Athletica named a new chief executive Tuesday and announced founder Chip Wilson is stepping down as chairman, as the athletic clothing retailer looked to put a difficult 2013 behind it.

The changes mark the end of the five years of dramatic growth of the Vancouver-based company with Wilson and outgoing CEO Christine Day at the helm.

The company said Tuesday that Laurent Potdevin will take over as chief executive next month. Potdevin, who began his career at lux-

ury retailer LVMH, most recently served as president of Toms Shoes.

Day has overseen the company's expansion beyond yoga clothes to all manner of workout gear, more than tripling the company's share value since she took over as chief executive in 2008.

But Lululemon has struggled this year with its first major stumble when it pulled its black Luon pants from store shelves after customer complaints that the pants were too sheer. The recall was followed by the abrupt departure of chief product officer Sheree Waterson.

The company blamed the problems on a style change and production issues and moved to fix the problems, but later new complaints arose about the quality and durability of their pricey workout gear.

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Lululemon Athletica Inc. founder Chip Wilson is stepping down as chair of the company after making controversial remarks. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Sheer madness

"Quite frankly, some women's bodies just actually don't work for it ... It's really about the rubbing through the thighs, how much pressure is there."

Lululemon founder Chip Wilson, in an interview last month that ignited a storm of criticism by suggesting to Bloomberg TV that production issues may not be the only issue regarding the sheeriness of its Luon yoga pants.

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HYPNAGOGIA SOUNDS LIKE A SNOOZE

OK, it's time to get up close and personal.

Do you take naps?

I'm not sure what prompted that question, but it occurred to me during a session in the "thinking chair" in my office.

Some of my best ideas happen in the thinking chair, usually just before someone starts snoring and the walls start to reverberate. If I ever find out who's doing it...

Turns out I'm not the only one who becomes inspired in that twilight zone between sleeping and waking, that place where you're starting to dream but haven't fallen asleep yet.

That state, which is called hypnagogia, was visited frequently by Edison, Einstein, Aristotle and Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dali, he of the landscapes featuring melting clocks. Hypnagogic, dude.

So, napping is not a sign of increasing senility, but a powerful creative tool. Hence the term "power nap." Superman prob-



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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ably knocks off a few power zzzzs when he's all cosy in the Fortress of Solitude. Nobody calls Superman senile, although there is that giant 's' on his chest.

There is some research to suggest power naps help prevent heart attacks, although that could be because people who engage in cardiovascular exercise have a tendency to get calm and drowsy after their workout. The jury is still out ... like a light.

If you've tried power napping and only end up feeling groggy afterwards, it's probably because you're not doing it right. I know, I know, what's to learn? Close your eyes, count to 10 ... how long was I out?

If you go past Hypnagogia Land into the realms of deeper sleep lasting longer than 20 minutes, that's not good, as you could end up with sleep inertia, which makes you groggy and grumpy.

Dali, he of the hypnagogic melting clocks, had a trick that prevented him from succumbing to the rapture of the depths. He would hold a key in his right hand, which he would then dangle over a plate. As soon as he started to heed the call of the Sandman, the key would drop out of his hand and clatter on the plate. Then he'd be up, refreshed, and back to his melting clocks. He called it "just the necessary amount of repose."

If you're still worried what everyone will think if you catnap at the controls of your 747, remember that entire cultures are based on the nap, only they call it the siesta, which sounds poetic, lyrical. People who take siestas never drool, for example.

The siesta is associated with the twin drivers of leisurely noonday meals and warm summer afternoons characteristic of Mediterranean climates, but you can try it here too, where it's all fast food and frost.

And if you start to do your best work immediately after a power nap, remember that it worked for Edison and Einstein. OK, maybe you have to try a little harder.

Five more minutes?

ZOOM

It lights up a horse's behind

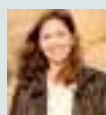


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Safety first with glitzy horse lights

A California-based firm has invented the first safety lighting for horses. Tail Lights are LED lights that drape through a horse's tail to provide a safe way to warn motorists of a horse and its rider. They are the brainchild of Sami Gros, who developed the idea after her friend was almost killed when a car struck her horse. **METRO**

Founder says



"It all began following a life-threatening accident. Despite using reflective gear, the horse ridden by my friend was hit from behind by a car as we were approaching the barn around dusk."

Sami Gros, founder of Tail Lights

'An attractive visual presence on the road'

The system consists of six water-resistant LED strips in the shape of a horse's tail. The LED strands are attached to the base of the tail by a specially designed neoprene tail wrap. According to its designers, the lights do not emit heat, are water resistant and allow for free movement of the tail — and make "an attractive visual presence on the road." **METRO**



A Kickstarter campaign was launched to raise the \$100,000 needed to make the innovation widely available.

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As the holiday shopping season descends on us all, Metro has a few ideas on what to get that person in your life who lives on social media. Here are some sites that will take your Instagram photos and turn them into Insta-gifts.

Printstagram (printstagr.am)

A one-stop shop for turning your favourite social media photos into everything from cards, to posters or stickers.

Stitchtagram (stitchtagram.com):

Based in Washington, D.C., this company lets you design pillows, bags and purses using your Instagram snapshots.

Boomf (boomf.com):

This site will literally print Instagram photos onto bite-sized marshmallows (pictured) and deliver them to your door. What else would you expect from a company whose tagline is "turn your memories into magical morsels?"

Twitter



@metropicks asked: "We will never see the likes of Nelson Mandela again," Barack Obama said at Mandela's memorial. Who do you think will be the next Mandela?

@WTarcisio: No one will replace Nelson Mandela and also Michael Jack-

son, Ayrton Senna and Elvis Presley.

@MA6hp: According to @kanyewest he is new #Mandela.

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Forget Middle-earth, movies are overrun with strange elves

New movies. From the North Pole to Nazi Germany to stories that go nowhere, the elfin character gets lots of play on screen



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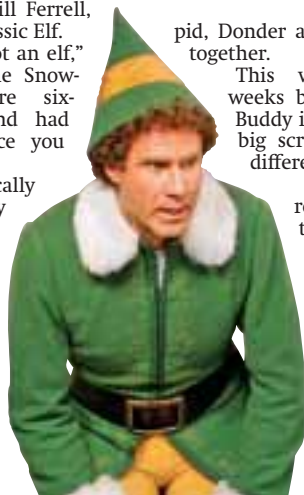
When we think of elves at this time of year visions of Santa's helpers fill our heads.

The cute, industrious and diminutive creatures from the North Pole can be seen everywhere in December in Christmas TV specials, greeting cards and movies like Arthur Christmas and Santa Claus: The Movie.

One of the most famous movie elves is Buddy, played by Will Ferrell, in the neoclassic Elf.

"You're not an elf," says Leon the Snowman. "You're six-foot-three and had a beard since you were 15."

So technically he's not really an elf, just a human raised by elves, but he has more Christmas spirit than Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cu-



Will Ferrell became a neoclassic elf in the Christmas movie Elf. CONTRIBUTED

pid, Donder and Blitzen put together.

This weekend, just weeks before Dec. 25, Buddy is joined on the big screen by a very different kind of elf.

"She's slightly reckless and totally ruthless and doesn't hesitate to kill."

That's how Evangeline Lilly describes the 600-year-old

"she-elf" Tauriel from this weekend's The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug.

The bow-and-arrow wielding character is new to the J.R.R. Tolkien movie franchise, created by director Peter Jackson and his co-writers Fran Walsh and Philippa Boyens.

"She's our redhead," says Boyens.

"We created her for that reason. To bring that energy into the film, that feminine energy. We believe it's completely within the spirit of Tolkien."

Buddy and Tauriel are just two of the many kinds of movie elves.

Elves (or Gelfling as they're called in the flick), are the main focus of the Jim Henson film The Dark Crystal.

Dobby the House Elf was voted the No. 1 favourite magical creature in the Harry Potter series by NextMovie.com and Thor: The Dark World featured Dark Elves, an ancient race of dangerous beings whose spaceships are powered by black holes.

The cheese-ball B-movie Elves features the tag line, "They're Not Working for Santa ... Anymore."

Well, if not Santa, then

who?

Nazis, that's who.

Finally Tom Cruise consorted with an elf named Honeythorn Gump in Legend, the Ridley Scott film The New York Times called "a slapdash amalgam of Old Testament, King Arthur, The Lord of the Rings and any number of comic books."

Swiss actor David Bennett played the feisty elfin sidekick who not only is the protector of the world's last two unicorns but, along with elves Screwball, Brown Tom and Oona, helps Cruise's character save the world from the nasty Lord of Darkness (Tim Curry).



Evangeline Lilly stars in The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. CONTRIBUTED

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Tila Tequila
takes a turn
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Last year, Tila Tequila was rushed to the hospital for some terrible reason or another (news sites said it was either a brain aneurysm, a drug overdose or a suicide attempt). Radar Online claimed a brain aneurysm made her "think irrationally" and ingest "two bottles of unspecified heavy prescription drugs." Sources told Radar Online that as a result of whatever happened, she probably suffered "permanent brain damage."

Well, that alleged brain damage may have been on display early Monday morning with the faded reality TV star posting some crazy-pants rants on Facebook (over 12 in a 24-hour period). So crazy, it is hard to write about it in a sensible manner.



"I never said I hated anyone, but just because I feel sympathy, compassion, and forgiveness for others such as Hitler means I am now a monster? All for trying to open your eyes to the truth that Hitler was NOT as bad as he was painted out to be?" she wrote. She then posted a photo to prove that "EVERY ETHNIC PERSON WAS INVOLVED IN WWII... NOT JUST GERMAN PEOPLE!" See? Crazy.

"Blacks, Asians, Jews,

Middle Easterners and so on... ALL WERE NAZIS!!! But did you ever hear about this? NO! Because the Zionist Cabal doesn't want you to know the truth but I will speak the truth for GOD since NO ONE ELSE HAS THE BALLS TO!"

Well then!

Crazy online ranting is nothing new to Tequila this week. Over the weekend, she first raised eyebrows when she blamed Paul Walker's death on a "ritualistic murder" rather than what it was — a tragic car accident.

"I believe I am the only person on this entire planet who knows what happened I have just kept my mouth shut because there is a lot more to it and of course ... cases like this," Tila wrote about the mysterious case of Elisa Lam, a 21-year-old University of British Columbia student whose body was found in a water tank at a downtown Los Angeles hotel this year.

She then equated that death with Walker's. "I just did not want to draw any attention to myself but I know exactly why they did it and yes it was indeed a ritualistic murder. Just like Paul Walker's."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Harry Styles. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Harry and hook-up hang
out in Hell's Kitchen

Maybe Harry Styles and Kendall Jenner were looking for an under-the-radar place to hang out, but a gay bar in New York City clearly wasn't it. After Styles' Saturday Night Live performance with One Direction, he and his rumoured girlfriend had a busy night of party-hopping, stopping for

a bit at Hell's Kitchen gay bar Therapy, according to E! News. A source says Styles and Jenner "were having a great time" and "for sure looked like they were a couple. They had a blast." The fact that Styles is 19 and Jenner is 18 — and the drinking age in the U.S. is 21 — didn't seem to factor into their having a blast.

Perry pans parents'
presidential politics

Katy Perry tries to not let politics come between her and her conservative parents — except when an invitation to Barack Obama's inauguration is involved. "My parents are Republicans, and I'm not," she tells Marie Claire. "They didn't vote for Obama, but when I was asked to sing at the inauguration, they were like, 'We can come.' And I was like, No, you can't. I love you so much, but that — on principle." They



Katy Perry

understood, but I was like, 'How dare you?' in a way."

Twitter



@SteveMartinToGo

Football players are such weenies. I'm injured all the time while writing, yet I continue.



@ParisHilton

I am so horrified that someone would hire a plane to fly over Paul Walker's crash site with messages from me. So disrespectful.



@KellyOsbourne

Lets play a game #WordsThatDriveYouNuts ok here is a good one 'moist.' Moist is a awful word! Just say it... Moist! AHHHHHHHH!!! YOUR TURN!



Bradley Cooper

Suki stays
(sort of) silent
about celeb
squeeze

Bradley Cooper and girlfriend Suki Waterhouse made their first official appearance together as a couple at the American Hustle premiere party in New York this weekend, according to TMZ. While they've been spotted out and about before, both have worked hard to keep mum about the relationship "because it's boring," Waterhouse recently told Elle U.K. "I'm not one of those girls who goes on about their boyfriends. I do think whatever I say will sound weird. But the truth is, if I start talking about him, I probably won't be able to stop."



Courteney Cox

B-lister
brings beau
to Bel Air

It looks like Courteney Cox may have found some new romance for the holidays with Snow Patrol's Johnny McDaid, according to Life & Style. McDaid accompanied Cox to Jennifer Aniston's Bel Air holiday party in November and wasn't shy about her feelings.

"Courteney definitely looked like she was on a date," a source says. "They were holding hands during the party." Cox's ex-husband, David Arquette, let slip during a chat with Howard Stern on Oct. 31 that she was dating someone new after splitting from Cougar Town co-star Brian Van Holt. "She's with someone who loves and cares for her," Arquette said. "That's all I care about."

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GINA ANGELOTTI
Metro World News in New York

Moon Palace Cancun is a sprawling all-inclusive waterfront resort minutes from Cancun International Airport. Divided into three sections — Sunrise, Nizuc and Grand — each has its own character, landscape, demographic, restaurants and amenities. Once you put on a guest bracelet at check-in, you're not only given access to these "phases," which while walkable are connected by a lobby-to-lobby bus service, but you're also allowed to visit other Palace properties in the region. With seemingly limitless entertainment and dining options, the real party in Cancun happens here.

As the bellman explained the extensive features of our deluxe room at Grand, it became apparent that this resort was built with newlyweds in mind. With an in-room jacuzzi — standard for all suites — and a furnished patio, our accommodations were quite large for a single person.

But it wasn't long before we took advantage of the cavern-



Enjoy a cocktail by one of the resort's beautiful pools. PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED/MOON RESORT

ous marble shower, swim-suit-ed up and set out for sunshine. While climbing stairs that led to the nearest pool, we almost stepped on one of dozens of sunbathing iguanas that would appear over three days.

Outstretched in a chaise under the shade of palm fronds and umbrellas, the heat was welcome. There were more chairs embedded in a shallow shelf of water along the pool's perimeter, and these prime seats were often occupied.

But when the water gets to be too much, guests will be happy to know that Moon Palace has a spa, two salons and daily yoga in an on-site meditation garden.

Even though it briefly

rained each day, the side effects were positive: The loudest guests — mostly families — abandoned the deck, and the ocean breeze rolled in to whip our paperbacks' pages and the napkins under our cocktails du jour. Wash, rinse, repeat: We pool-hopped like this for the rest of the trip.

One afternoon at the Sunrise pool's coal-fired pizza oven, two newlyweds chit-chatted with other guests in line. An older woman advised the couple, "It only gets better." Smiling, the husband of the pair responded: "We've been here three days and each one has gotten better."

Just beyond these pools is the quieter beachfront. Al-

though a hefty bit of seaweed clutters the otherwise sea glass-green waters — not on par with the Mayan Riviera's reputation for pristine beaches — the sandbars are the glorious temperature of bathwater and the sand itself is the softest we've bared our feet for. Each time we walked the shoreline between the phases, we shuffled through heart after heart etched in the sand. We eventually caved and drew one, too.

"Have you ever been kissed by a Mexican?" asked Miguel, a trainer at Moon Palace's own dolphinarium, where guests get a show and a wet smooch from one of eight bottlenose dolphins. A professional photographer on hand means that

For the kids

- While there are hoards of honeymooners — Moon Palace hosts more than a thousand weddings annually — the resort is actually bursting at the seams with families. The appeal is as strong for the under-18 set as it is for grown-ups. Parents relax poolside while their kids roam independently with minimal risk, and vice-versa. Plus, the all-inclusive element means that, cost-wise, parents don't need to utter the dreaded word "no" very often. Kids seem elated; adults look relieved.

guests take home a souvenir portrait that's a step up from a smartphone selfie.

On the last evening of the trip, we had an unexpectedly exceptional meal at Los Tacos.

At the poolside snack bar, surrounded by a ring of romantic canopied beds and mangroves, a flirtatious waiter brought to our table a heaping plate of nachos that we didn't actually order. But it didn't matter, because the tortilla chips swimming in cheese, grilled pork and pineapples were as gratifying as the tumbler of Dos Equis we washed them down with.

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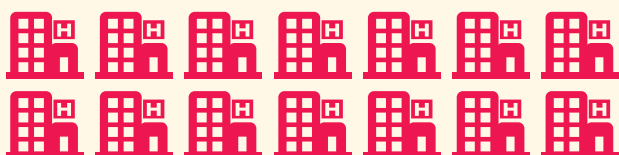
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On a sunny day, when the Grand Canal is a sparkling ribbon of aquamarine embossed with boats ancient and modern, Venice can steal your heart. And it can do a number on your wallet, too. Knocking back a Bellini at the Hemingway haunt of Harry's Bar will cost you. And taking a gondola ride? You don't want to know how much. But here are five things to do in La Serenissima — as the serene city is sometimes called — that don't cost a dime, or a pound of flesh.

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The Square

Centrally located, St. Mark's Square — Piazza San Marco — is lined with shops and restaurants and is a must-see. Go early or late to avoid the worst crowds. You can go into the church for free, although there are fees to see the museum and other areas. Completely free: window shopping, people-watching and posing for selfies.

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Free things in Venice



The Bridges

Venice is brimming with bridges. The Rialto, a stone arch lined with shops that crosses the Grand Canal at about the halfway point, is the most famous. The Academy Bridge — Ponte dell' Accademia — between the Campo di San Vidal and Campo della Carita, also offers great views of the Grand Canal.



The Ghetto

The word ghetto originated in Venice where a gated part of the city was designated as the Jewish quarter from the 16th century until 1797. A commonly cited explanation is that the word stems from an Italian word "getto" associated with an old foundry in the area. A bas relief sculpture by Arbit Blatas in the main square — Campo di Ghetto Nuovo in the Cannaregio district — commemorates the deaths of Venetian Jews killed in the Second World War.



The Basilica

The Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute — St. Mary of Health — was built after an outbreak of the plague in 1630. Its ornate dome is a feature of the city skyline. Works inside include art by Tintoretto and Titian. Located in the Dorsoduro district, across the Grand Canal from St. Mark's; take the No. 1 water bus to the Salute stop. Open 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. most days.



The Music Museum

Classical music enthusiasts will enjoy the Museum of Music — Museo della Musica — a collection of instruments from the 17th to 19th centuries. The museum is in the Church of St. Maurizio, about a 15-minute walk from St. Mark's Square, and celebrates Venice's history as a centre of instrument making. Open daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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No, it's not a sandwich but a delicious salad with all the ingredients except for the bread. I don't often use iceberg lettuce, but it goes so well in this salad.

You can prepare the salad early in the day and dress just before serving.

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.
2. Combine the milk and egg

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup 2% milk
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup panko crumbs or unseasoned dry breadcrumbs
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 8 oz boneless chicken breast
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 oz prosciutto
- 1 large iceberg lettuce cut into 6 wedges
- 1/2 cup feta cheese
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 2/3 cup light ranch dressing (store bought)

in one bowl. Combine the panko, Parmesan, and salt and pepper in another bowl.

3. Dip the chicken breast in the egg mixture, then the panko mixture.

4. Heat a small skillet until hot. Add the oil and sauté the chicken breast just until browned on both sides, about 2 minutes per side. Place in a 400 F oven and bake for 10 minutes, until the temperature reaches 165 F or until it's no longer pink. Let cool, then slice thinly.

Nutritional information

Per serving

- **Calories.** 220
- **Carbohydrates.** 11.5 g
- **Fibre.** 0.7 g
- **Protein.** 17.3 g
- **Total fat.** 10 g
- **Saturated fat.** 3.5 g
- **Cholesterol.** 78 mg

5. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, cook the prosciutto until crisp (about 5 minutes). Dice and sprinkle over the lettuce wedges and sprinkle with the crumbled feta and tomatoes. Add chicken.

6. Pour the dressing over top.
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BLT Salad



This recipe serves six. MIKE MCCOLL, FROM THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Sapphire In a Pear Tree

This drink, inspired by the 12 Days of Christmas, is perfect for holiday parties.

- 1 1/2 oz Bombay Sapphire gin
- 1/2 oz Disaronno amaretto
- 2 oz pear nectar
- 3/4 oz fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 oz maple syrup
- 1 rosemary sprig and cranberries for garnish

Starting from bottom of rosemary sprig, remove approximately two thirds of leaves. Crush leaves to release aroma. Add, along with all other ingredients, into cocktail shaker. Add ice and shake well. Strain into highball glass filled with fresh ice. Garnish with rosemary sprig and cranberries.

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Comfort food for cold days

1. Position a rack toward the bottom of your oven so mac and cheese can bake evenly in the middle. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F) and turn on convection fan if you have one. Lightly oil a large baking dish.

2. Fill your largest pot with lots of hot water and lots of salt and put it over lots of heat. Bring to a boil and cook noodles.

3. While you wait, prepare breadcrumb topping. Fill food processor with bread and choice of herb. Pulse until coarse, even crumbs are formed, just a few seconds. With the food processor running, splash in olive oil, processing just long enough to evenly combine the works. Don't grind crumbs too finely — the coarser the crumbs, the crispier they'll be once baked.

4. Begin sauce by putting bacon in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Splash in enough water to just barely cover it. Stir frequently with a wooden spoon. As the water simmers, the bacon will begin to cook. Then, as the water evaporates, the bacon will render, releasing its fat. Lastly, it will crisp as the flavourful bacon fat heats past the boiling point of water into the flavour



This recipe serves four to six. THE CANADIAN PRESS

zone. Adjust heat as needed, keeping bacon sizzling but not smoking and burning. Stir until the bacon is evenly cooked and crisp. Using a slotted spoon, transfer bacon bits to paper towels, leaving the fat behind for building the sauce.

5. Add onions and garlic to hot bacon fat; sauté as textures soften and flavours brighten, 5 minutes or so. Evenly sprinkle flour over onions, then stir it in well. The bacon fat will absorb

the flour and create a thick paste. Continue cooking, getting rid of the raw flour taste, just a minute or two. Whisking constantly, pour in milk and cream, then gently stir as sauce thickens, about 10 minutes.

6. When noodles are al dente, drain and return to pot. To finish sauce, smoothly stir in mustard, paprika, hot sauce and salt, then mix in cheese and bacon bits. Pour sauce over hot, steamy noodles and stir mix-

ture together.

7. Pour into prepared baking dish. Sprinkle evenly with seasoned breadcrumbs. Transfer to oven, reduce temperature to 180 C (350 F) and bake until lightly golden brown and bubbly, about 30 minutes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/BACK TO BASICS: 100 SIMPLE CLASSIC RECIPES WITH A TWIST BY MICHAEL SMITH (PENGUIN).**

Ingredients

- Breadcrumb Topping**
- 1/2 loaf Italian bread, torn or cut into chunks
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) of your favourite dried herb such as thyme
- Few splashes of olive oil
- Mac and Cheese**
- 500 g (1 lb) penne
- 12 slices of bacon, chopped
- 2 onions, diced
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) all-purpose flour
- 1 l (4 cups) milk
- 250 ml (1 cup) whipping cream
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 150 ml (1/2 cup) paprika
- 5 or 10 ml (1 or 2 tsp) hot sauce
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 500 g (1 lb) aged cheddar cheese, shredded

Appetizer. Retro Ham Salad Sandwiches



These sandwiches make a great addition to a sandwich tray for an old-fashioned tea party.

1. In bowl, stir ham, cheese, pickles, mayonnaise, green onions, capers and mustard.

2. Lay three slices of bread flat on work surface. Using rolling pin, slightly flatten one slice. Divide ham salad among the three slices, including the flattened one. Using back of spoon, spread ham mixture evenly over slices. Top each un-flattened slice with another slice of bread and cut into small squares to make little sandwiches. Starting at short end, roll flattened slice of bread up into a coil and slice crosswise to make pinwheel sandwiches. Ar-

range pinwheel and little sandwiches on a platter.

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Ingredients

- 6 oz (175 g) Black Forest ham, chopped
- 1 cup (250 ml) PC World of Flavours Canadian Triple Cheddar Shredded Cheese Blend
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped dill pickles
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) minced green onions
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped drained capers
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1 pkg (250 g) PC Tramezzini White Crustless Bread

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It takes some time and effort to create a great LinkedIn account, but if you do it right, it will certainly help you in connecting with the right people and getting a job.

Here are some tips on how to set up an effective LinkedIn profile:

Getting started

Get a professional headshot done. You want to be dressed in business attire and looking sharp. This is about creating a positive and professional image — think about what message your photo sends about you and whether it fits with your career goals.

Take time to write a clear, concise and compelling summary statement. Tailor it to what your target audience will be interested in knowing about you. Be sure to include key



words, industry-specific lingo and job-specific skills so that it is easily searchable.

Create an effective and informative professional headline.

This helps people to understand, in just a few words, who

you are and what your skills are.

Filling it in

Join groups that relate to your career interests and industries. Being involved in groups can help you to connect with people that you might not

otherwise interact with.

Add industry relevant skills to your profile. Once you have added these skills, start endorsing others for the skills that they possess. This will, in turn, result in others endorsing you.

Similar to endorsements, the process of getting recommendations is founded in reciprocity.

If you want others to write a recommendation for you, first write a recommendation for them. Take time to write serious and thoughtful recommendations, as they are also a reflection of you.

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Whether you're in an unfamiliar country or steps from home, there are five steps to take if you want to turn a conversation into an opportunity:

Be an awesome listener

Finding opportunities is an active process, just like networking, applying to jobs or marketing yourself in an interview.

However, all of these steps start with good listening skills.

You can't learn without new information and you can't acquire any if you're talking about yourself.

Maintain eye contact, acknowledge information with body language and ask follow-up questions based on the information you've just heard.

Test your listening skills by thinking about a recent conversation. You'll probably find that it's much easier to recall what you said than what you heard. Get practicing!

Develop curiosity

When you travel, you ask and answer a lot of questions.

There's nothing wrong with that, because questions are a simple and easy way to get to know someone. However, when you're looking for an opportunity, you want to ask questions that will spark meaningful conversation.

A question is an invitation to engage, so while you're busy not talking, you should be coming up with questions to ignite interest in your conversation partner and build engagement. At the end of the day, great questions sprout from your genuine curiosity and fascination — so questions are a way for you to radiate authenticity



Know who you are, what you stand for and what value you bring to the table. Having a clear sense of your personal brand gives you confidence to display your strengths, talk about your experience and demonstrate your value. ISTOCK

and drive a conversation.

Take cues from your conversation partner. If they seem bored with broad questions, get more specific. If you feel lost, don't be afraid to let them choose the next topic.

Be a problem detector

If you listen carefully and pose engaged questions, you will

soon find yourself immersed in a lively discussion.

Once you've moved beyond questions and answers, your conversation partner will likely share things they wouldn't have disclosed to you a handful of minutes earlier — not secrets or confidential information, but personal feelings about challenges they're facing or

areas of particular interest that they'd like to develop.

Identify problems by listening for hints, remarks or statements like:

"I wish I could ..." "The problem is ..." "I'm not sure how to ..."

When these statements come up, dig deeper to understand the underlying problem and ask yourself how your skills could help address the issue at hand. Sometimes, your help can be an anecdote, a story or information from an article you read. At other times, the solution may just be YOU. Then, it's on to step four.

Don't get discouraged if you can't identify a problem right away. Concentrate on acquiring more information and asking good questions.

Follow up fearlessly

Even the most promising conversation won't lead to a real opportunity without follow-up.

Make sure you've got some way of staying in touch with your new contact once you part ways.

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CONSUMERS COVET CARDS

With the holiday shopping season in full swing, the Retail Gift Card Association (RGCA) recently released the results of the Holiday Gift Card Trend Tracker Survey, which examines how consumers plan to give and receive gift cards from retail locations this holiday season. The results, based on responses from nearly 3,000 consumers, reveal ways that retailers can best capitalize on consumer's continued satisfaction with the products.

According to the survey, 74 per cent of respondents plan to give one or more gift cards this holiday season, and nearly 30 per cent surveyed noted they planned on giving five or more gift cards.

Overall, the number of gift cards consumers plan to purchase as gifts this year increased by 71 per cent, according to survey results.

"There is no longer a question that retail gift cards are the most coveted gift to give and get during the holidays, but consumers are being more deliberate about which cards they purchase, with 73 per cent spending less on holiday spending than they did last year," says Jennifer

Tramontana, spokesperson for the Retail Gift Card Association. "This survey shows ways that retailers can compete for savvy consumer dollars by adding holiday promotions and offering online and mobile gift card options such as e-gift codes."

Additional insights from the survey include:

- Gift cards drive store traffic — 78 per cent of consumers plan to spend their cards at the retailer's brick and mortar location.
- Restaurants and department stores will benefit most from gift card promotion this holiday — consumers are most likely to give cards from these types of retailers (57 per cent plan on giving a restaurant gift card this year), and they most want to receive cards from these businesses as well (60 per cent hope for a department store gift card).
- Convenience and practicality drive the decision to give gift cards — 79 per cent of consumers give gift cards because they know the recipient can purchase what they want, and 70 per cent give them for convenience.

- Consumers are embracing more online and mobile options — 56 per cent planned to stay home and shop on Cyber Monday, and 83 per cent like the option to send physical gift cards or e-codes.
- Promotions drive gift cards sales — 17 per cent of consumers wait for a promotion before buying a gift card, and 23 per cent almost always look for promotions at competing retailers before deciding where to buy a gift card.

— Metro News Services



HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

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IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO 'FESTIVE FAKERY'

Survey results released show that a large majority (77 per cent) of Canadians have committed "festive fakery" — the act of pretending to like a bad gift. The survey, commissioned by Boston Pizza, also found that 80 per cent have witnessed someone pretending to like a bad gift, and some of those who do pretend use some crafty methods to disguise their true feelings.

To eliminate the need for fake reactions, consider a gift card, as 75 per cent of Canadians surveyed would prefer to receive a gift card than something they won't like or use.

The survey, conducted in late November and hosted by Vision Critical, provided some insight in to what motivates

Canadians to pretend — 85 per cent of Canadians believe faking is better than hurting the giver's feelings. It also revealed the top methods fakers have used to pretend to like a bad gift:

- 72 per cent hold their smile for as long as possible to seem like they love the bad gift.
- 57 per cent give a hug to avoid having to comment on the gift.
- 56 per cent start using or wearing the gift right away.

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Kings forward Jordan Nolan scores on Carey Price on Tuesday night in Montreal. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES

Price deep-sixed by Kings in Montreal

NHL. Canadiens' 10-game point streak comes to screeching halt against Los Angeles

Rookie Martin Jones made 30 saves for his second shutout in as many games, and six Los Angeles players found the back of the net in the Kings' 6-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday.

Jordan Nolan, Anze Kopitar, Alec Martinez, Tyler Toffoli, Jake Muzzin and Justin Williams scored for the Kings (20-7-4), who won their fourth straight.

On Tuesday

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Kings

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Canadiens

Carey Price made 12 saves on 16 shots for the Canadiens (19-10-3) before being replaced by Peter Budaj, who stopped 12-of-14 shots.

With the loss, Montreal snapped a 10-game point streak dating back to Nov. 16 when they were beaten 1-0 by the New York Rangers.

The Canadiens came out of the gate with intense pressure, but couldn't find an answer to Jones' stellar play. Jones made seven saves on an early Habs power play, and remained lights out for the rest of the night.

L.A. rewarded Jones' early effort at 7:03 of the first period when Nolan beat Price to his left for his fourth of the year.

Nolan jumped on a big rebound after a Willie Mitchell shot from the blue-line bounced off of Price's pads and landed on Nolan's stick.

Kopitar added to the lead with only 13 seconds remaining in the period, catching Price out of position after win-

ning the faceoff to his right.

The Kings opened the second right where they left off. Martinez scored early in the period after Montreal defender Alexei Emelin lost the puck in his skates in front of the net.

Toffoli put the Kings ahead 4-0 at 5:28, putting a big rebound past a sprawling Price, who was pulled after the goal.

Muzzin added to the lead on the power play at 8:14, and Williams made it 6-0 with his team-leading 11th goal at 18:28.

The Canadiens allowed more than three goals for the first time in 14 games.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Board of governors

NHL listening to expansion hopefuls

Gary Bettman has always been careful not to get hopes up in cities that want an NHL franchise.

That continued Tuesday when the commissioner reiterated the league has no official expansion plans in the offing. It won't happen for the next two seasons but that hasn't stopped the calls from pouring in.

"We're getting lots of expressions of interest, and no decisions have been made to do anything other than listen," Bettman said after the league's board of governors meeting wrapped up. "We haven't embarked on a formal expansion process, but when people want to talk to us, we listen." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Bills coach sticks by his rookie QB

Bills coach Doug Marrone is maintaining his faith and patience in EJ Manuel despite the rookie quarterback's latest dud.

"He has the ability to do it," Marrone said Monday. "There's no doubt in my mind."

Manuel's performance is under the microscope as a day after a 27-6 loss at Tampa Bay that pushed the Bills (4-9) to the brink of extending the NFL's longest active playoff drought to 14 consecutive seasons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



EJ Manuel GETTY IMAGES

NCAA basketball

Gators withstand Wiggins' best

Scottie Wilbekin scored a career-high 18 points, Dorian Finney-Smith added 15 and No. 19 Florida held on to beat No. 13 Kansas 67-61 Tuesday night. Freshman Andrew Wiggins of Vaughan, Ont., led the Jayhawks (6-3) with 26 points and 11 rebounds — both career highs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IOC recognition

Football inches toward Olympics

Football took a tiny step closer to potential inclusion in the Olympics on Tuesday.

The IOC's executive board granted provisional recognition to the International Federation of American Football. A vote on approving football for the Summer Games could take place in 2017.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Figure skating

Olympic men's champ out for Sochi

Evan Lysacek will not defend his Olympic figure-skating title in Sochi because of a torn labrum in his left hip. After two months of aggressive treatment, doctors told Lysacek last week the injury was not going to improve and he was risking permanent damage if he kept training.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UFC. St-Pierre to announce plans for future on Friday

Georges St-Pierre will shed light on his future later this week in Quebec City.

There has been a question mark hanging over the UFC welterweight champion since his win over No. 1 contender Johny Hendricks last month at UFC 167. St-Pierre said after the fight that he needed time away from his sport.

It appears the 32-year-old

from Montreal has made up his mind.

St-Pierre, currently on vacation in Dubai, confirmed by text to The Canadian Press that he will be announcing his future Friday.

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Georges St-Pierre GETTY IMAGES

Brendan Shanahan. Board of governors give VP of player safety thumbs up

The NHL's board of governors thinks Brendan Shanahan is doing a bang-up job of enforcing player safety.

That was the sense commissioner Gary Bettman got from the room on the second and final day of meetings that included updates on player safety, the upcoming Sochi Olympics, hockey operations and the ongoing relationship with the Players' Association.

In light of Saturday night's game between the Boston Bruins and Pittsburgh Penguins, discipline and on-ice

Doing the time

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The number of suspensions that have cost players at least one regular-season game this year.

conduct are in the public spotlight. It was just one part of the meeting but general managers expressed satisfaction over the state of discipline.

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12% increase

NHL salary cap to rise to \$71M

NHL revenues have increased so much that next year's salary cap is expected to be roughly \$71 million US, close to a 12 per cent increase from this season (\$64.3 million).

That's an estimate, but it's

the figure commissioner Gary Bettman delivered to the board of governors Monday.

The cap floor this season is \$44 million, and it's expected to be about \$52 or \$53 million next year. According to CapGeek, the only team with a cap number of less than \$52 million is the Florida Panthers.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sochi Olympics

Russia plans to set up designated protest zones

IOC president Thomas Bach said Russia will set up public protest zones in Sochi during the Winter Olympics, a move unlikely to defuse criticism of the country's human rights record and a recent law banning gay "propaganda."

With the opening ceremony less than two months away, Bach said Sochi organizers notified him of the decision during their report to the International Olympic Committee executive board on Tuesday.

Bach, chairing his first board meeting since being elected president in September, said the Russians would establish specially designated zones for "people who want to express their opinion or want to demonstrate for or against something."

Bach said he didn't have any details on where the protest zones would be located or how they would be managed during the games, which run from Feb. 7-23.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB. Rangers officially acquire ex-Jays catcher

Catcher J.P. Arenecibia and the Texas Rangers have finalized a \$1.8-million, one-year contract.

Arenecibia hit .194 with 21 homers, 18 doubles and 55 RBIs in a career-high 138 games this year for Toronto. The Blue Jays didn't offer him a contract by the Dec. 2 deadline and allowed him to become a free agent.

Arenecibia has a .212 career average with 64 homers and 193 RBIs in four big-league seasons. He turns 28 next month and figures to be a backup to Geovany Soto.

The agreement was announced Tuesday.

Arenecibia is fourth among catchers in home runs over the past three seasons with 62.



Catcher J.P. Arenecibia signed with the Rangers on Tuesday.

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Two of Arenecibia's seven multi-homer games have come in Arlington. The other five were in Toronto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Other transactions on Tuesday

- A three-team trade was made involving the Arizona Diamondbacks, Los Angeles Angels and Chicago White Sox. Outfielder-first baseman Mark Trumbo will go from L.A. to Arizona, pitcher Hector Santiago moves from Chicago to L.A., outfielder Adam Eaton leaves

Arizona for Chicago, and left-hander Tyler Skaggs goes from Arizona to L.A.

- The Oakland Athletics dealt left-hander Brett Anderson to the Colorado Rockies for lefty Drew Pomeranz and minor-league pitcher Chris Jensen.

Leafs captain's hit from behind draws suspension



Maple Leafs defenceman Dion Phaneuf faces a two-game suspension for a hit on the Bruins' Kevan Miller on Sunday night. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

2-game ban. Buds to go without Phaneuf after he boarded Bruin

Maple Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf has been suspended two games for his hit from behind on Kevan Miller of the Bruins.

Phaneuf boarded Miller, who clearly had his back turned, during Toronto's loss to Boston on Sunday night at Air Canada Centre. No boarding penalty was called on the play.

In announcing the suspension, NHL vice-president of player safety Brendan Shanahan said that Miller should never have been eligible to be hit like he was.

"At no point during his approach does Phaneuf see anything but Miller's numbers, so the onus is on him to either avoid the hit completely or at the very least minimize it more than he does," Shanahan said.

Leafs face 4th suspension

The suspension is the Leafs' fourth during the regular season. David Clarkson got an automatic 10 games for leaving the bench to join an altercation during the pre-season, Nazem Kadri got three games for elbowing Wild goaltender Niklas Backstrom in the head last month, and Carter Ashton was suspended two games for boarding Flames forward Derek Smith.

Miller left the game, but Claude Julien told reporters that he wasn't worried about the defenceman's condition. That factored into the two-game suspension, as did the fact that Phaneuf has no previous history of discipline in nine NHL seasons.

He'll forfeit \$66,666.66 in salary as a result of the suspension. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	30	20	8	2	84	61	42
Montreal	31	19	9	3	85	65	41
Detroit	31	15	9	7	85	82	37
Tampa Bay	29	17	10	2	80	70	36
Toronto	31	16	12	3	86	87	35
Ottawa	31	12	14	5	91	103	29
Florida	31	9	17	5	70	104	23
Buffalo	30	6	22	2	51	91	14

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	32	21	10	1	98	71	43
Washington	30	16	12	2	92	85	34
NY Rangers	31	15	15	1	69	80	31
Carolina	31	13	13	5	71	86	31
New Jersey	31	12	13	6	69	77	30
Philadelphia	30	13	14	3	68	78	29
Columbus	30	12	15	3	73	82	27
NY Islanders	31	8	18	5	77	109	21

Tuesday's results

Los Angeles at Montreal
Tampa Bay at Washington
Ottawa at Buffalo
New Jersey at Columbus
Nashville at NY Rangers
Detroit at Florida
St. Louis at Winnipeg
Chicago at Dallas
Phoenix at Colorado
Boston at Calgary
Carolina at Edmonton
NY Islanders at San Jose
Monday's results
Ottawa 5 Philadelphia 4 (SO)
Pittsburgh 2 Columbus 1
Anaheim 5 NY Islanders 2
Vancouver 2 Carolina 0

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	16	27	43
Malkin, Pgh	8	30	38
Getzlaf, Ana	16	21	37
Kane, Chi	16	21	37
Perry, Ana	20	15	35
Tavares, NYI	12	22	34
Steen, STL	20	12	32
Thornton, SJ	5	27	32
Ovechkin, Wash	22	9	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	32	21	6	5	116	89	47
St. Louis	28	19	6	3	98	66	41
Minnesota	32	18	9	5	77	75	41
Colorado	28	20	8	0	82	65	40
Dallas	28	14	9	5	81	80	33
Winnipeg	31	14	13	4	82	88	32
Nashville	30	13	14	3	67	88	29

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	33	21	7	5	106	86	47
San Jose	30	19	6	5	101	75	43
Los Angeles	30	19	7	4	79	62	42
Vancouver	33	18	10	5	88	81	41
Phoenix	29	16	8	5	94	93	37
Calgary	29	11	14	4	78	97	26
Edmonton	31	10	18	3	84	105	23

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Los Angeles at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's games

Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Columbus at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Calgary, 9 p.m.
NY Islanders at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Kunitz, Pgh	17	14	31
Zetterberg, Det	11	19	30
Kessel, Tor	16	13	29
Couture, SJ	10	19	29
Karlsson, Ott	8	21	29
H. Sedin, Vcr	8	21	29
Ryan, Ott	14	14	28
Marleau, SJ	13	15	28
D. Sedin, Vcr	10	18	28
Seguin, Dal	15	12	27

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	18	3	.857	—
d-Miami	16	5	.762	2
Atlanta	11	10	.524	7
d-Boston	10	12	.455	8 1/2
Detroit	10	11	.476	8
Charlotte	10	11	.476	8
Washington	9	11	.450	8 1/2
Chicago	8	10	.444	8 1/2
Toronto	7	12	.368	10
Cleveland	7	13	.350	10 1/2
Philadelphia	7	15	.318	11 1/2
Brooklyn	6	14	.300	11 1/2
Orlando	6	15	.286	12
New York	5	14	.263	12
Milwaukee	4	16	.200	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	18	4	.818	—
Oklahoma City	15	4	.789	1 1/2
d-San Antonio	15	4	.789	1 1/2
d-L.A. Clippers	14	8	.636	4
Houston	15	7	.682	3
Denver	13	8	.619	4 1/2
Dallas	13	9	.591	5
Phoenix	11	9	.550	6
Golden State	12	10	.545	6
Memphis	10	10	.500	7
L.A. Lakers	10	10	.500	7
New Orleans	9	10	.474	7 1/2
Minnesota	9	11	.450	8
Sacramento	6	13	.316	10 1/2
Utah	4	19	.174	14 1/2

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Tuesday's results

San Antonio at Toronto
New York at Cleveland
Miami at Indiana
Minnesota at Detroit
Oklahoma City at Atlanta
Boston at Brooklyn
Milwaukee at Chicago
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

AJAC's historical missteps?

Former winners. Let's go back in time 5 years and see the good and not-so-good victors

The trouble with car-of-the-year awards is that they recognize fetching lines, nifty engineering and value for money, but fail to take into account the one factor shoppers say is paramount to their decision: reliability.

As AJAC names its finalists for the 2014 Canadian car and utility vehicle of the year, we thought it would be instructive to look back at previous winners, in five-year increments, to see how they fared in the real world. Do our esteemed jurists end up picking the best vehicles for hard-working Canadians? You be the judge.

2010: VW Golf GTI

Volkswagen bookends our retrospective with two disparate generations of the worldly, front-drive Golf. The sixth-gen Golf, introduced in 2010, was a masterful reworking of the Mk5 car that landed here in 2006. The body was finessed with an angle grinder to make it more aerodynamic, while the cabin furnishings were raised to near-Audi standards. The GTI inherited Golf's three- and five-door hatch configurations, but with some tuned suspension bits and wicked alloy wheels shod with low-profile rubber. Owners of pre-2010 GTIs did report several minor problems, but VW must have ironed out the bugs; the newest generation appears problem free.

2005: Ford Mustang

To mark the 40th anniversary of Lee Iacocca's groundbreaking Mustang, Ford put stylist J Mays on the job to cast the new coupe and convertible as "retro-future" iterations of the original. By adopting the rear-drive chassis of the Lincoln LS — but with a solid rear axle to keep costs down — the car gained a stiff platform to promote adept handling. Assembled at the Ford-Mazda plant in Michigan, the Mustang benefited from Japanese-quality controls. Still, there were some unsettling problems revealed by owners, including faulty manual transmissions and rear differentials, fueling issues, faulty emergency brakes, short-lived batteries, bad V8 throttle-position sensors and interior rattles.

2000: Ford Focus

With its avant-garde styling and premium materials, the



THE 2010 VW GOLF GTI, ALL PHOTOS TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ford Focus aspired to be more than just an econobox. And it came in lots of flavours: a four-door sedan, five-door wagon, three-door hatchback and, later, a five-door hatch. Every model was a ball to drive, thanks to its tight platform and sophisticated suspension geometry. The Focus got off to a rocky start in terms of reliability. Owners' mailboxes filled up with recall notices, and the cars exhibited mechanical glitches such as fast-wearing brakes, wheel-bearing failures, broken transmissions and ignition switches, faulty air conditioners, bad fuel pumps and numerous electrical problems. The quality improved in newer models.

1995: Plymouth/Dodge Neon

When Chrysler unveiled its compact Neon to much fanfare in early 1994, the car was an instant hit, with its cheeky design, vivid colours and friendly pricing. What differentiated the Neon from other econoboxes was its "cab-forward" architecture, which shoved the wheels out to the corners. Available in two- and four-door forms, stylists made one misstep by specifying frameless windows, which invited plenty of wind noise. As owners started racking up mileage, however, the Neon's lustre faded. It was plagued by head-gasket failures, faulty transmissions, air-conditioning woes and engines that leaked.

1990: Nissan 300ZX

The redesigned Nissan 300ZX graced a lot of lists: Car and Driver named it a 10 Best every year it was sold, while Automobile called it one of the 100 greatest cars of all time and amongst the most beautiful. Being one of the first production cars to be developed entirely by computer-aided design, it's a wonder studios still



Ford has fixed the problems of the popular 2000 Focus.



The 2005 Ford Mustang had looks and power but also some faults.

order clay in bulk. In addition to the two-seater hatchback, there was an extended four-seater model and a convertible. Beneath its comely lines, the 300ZX was powered by two versions of a 3.0-L V6: naturally aspirated, it made 222 hp, while the twin-turbo firebrand put out 300 hp. The Z bristled with technology, including active rear-wheel steering to aid handling. Despite the complex machinery, the Japanese-built 300ZX proved to be an exceptionally reliable sports car.

1985: VW Golf/Jetta

AJAC's very first Car of the

Year Award went to the Golf and Jetta, two peas of the same Volkswagen pod. The year marked the introduction of the second-generation models, which had grown substantially in size and heft. Interestingly, the Golf was assembled in Pennsylvania, while the Jetta was imported from Germany. The cars were tightly constructed and well-balanced, delivering a gratifying driving experience in an econobox wrapper. Unfortunately, both cars were riddled with electrical and drivetrain issues. Fuel pumps were notorious for dying, and fuel injectors were fragile. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

The process of election

- **AJAC finalists and runners up.** Mazda, Kia and General Motors lead the way in the battle to be named Canada's 2014 car or truck of the year. The Automobile Journalists Association of Canada announced its 12 finalists for the awards last week, including three Mazda vehicles, and two each from Kia and GM. In October, a group of 80 AJAC journalists test drove 174 new vehicles during a week-long series of trials in Niagara Falls. AJAC's annual Test Fest evaluates all new or redesigned vehicles in each of 12 categories on the same day, over the same route, including a high-speed test circuit and/or a simulated off-road course or cottage road, depending on the type of vehicle. The journalists ranked a wide range of attributes, including design, space, quality, performance, safety, economy and value. Transport Canada fuel consumption figures were also factored in, as was the vehicles' price. Those 12 finalists will now compete to be named AJAC's Car of the Year or Utility Vehicle of the Year, which will be announced on Feb. 13.

12 finalists + runners up

- **Small Car (under \$21k):** Mazda 3
- **Small Car (over \$21k):** Mazda 3 Sport
- **Family Car (under \$30k):** Kia Soul
- **Family Car (over \$30k):** Mazda 6
- **Luxury Car (under \$50k):** Lexus IS 350 RWD
- **Luxury Car (over \$50k):** Infiniti Q50 Hybrid
- **Sports/Performance (\$50k+):** Chevrolet Corvette Stingray
- **Prestige Car (over \$75k):** Mercedes-Benz S Class
- **SUV/CUV (under \$35k):** Jeep Cherokee
- **SUV/CUV (\$35k to \$60k):** Kia Sorento
- **SUV/CUV (\$60k+):** Acura MDX
- **Pickup:** GMC Sierra
- **NOTABLE RUNNERS UP**
 - Nissan Versa Note (small car under 21k),
 - Fiat 500L (family car under 30k)
 - Acura RLX (luxury car over 50k)
 - BMW X5 (SUV 60k+)

Nissan asks the ancient, baffling question: What do women want?

Pathfinder. Automotive giant's employees changed their research methods by immersing themselves in the lives of everyday ladies

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Back in 1955, Dodge introduced a new model called the La Femme. Aimed at women, it was painted in pastel colours, and included a matching raincoat and umbrella.

It failed, proving that it takes more than just a few "feminine touches" to appeal to female buyers. But while automakers generally know what won't work, it's an ongoing challenge to determine what does.

"I think women are misunderstood, and it's because the industry assumes they're disinterested in cars, and find them boring and one-dimensional," says Rachel Nguyen, director of exploratory and advanced product planning for Nissan's head office in Los Angeles. "Instead, they see it in their lives, and if they will enjoy being in it."

"When women walk into a dealership, they don't say, 'Wow, look at that new grille, it's so great compared to the last generation.' They look at the whole thing, and it's more than just the product."

A lot of people are involved in the process.

Nguyen works with teams of design-



Nissan used input from female drivers to help them build the new Pathfinder. JIL MCINTOSH

ers, engineers and planners to identify major trends and customer needs, and also with consumers.

While discussion groups are important, the company also uses immersion research that can include going into people's homes. "We're looking for insights," she says. "It's not typical market research. Immersing in these women's lives is where we gain our insight and tells us what we need to do."

Extra facts

- **10 per cent.** In its research, Nissan found that only 10 per cent of women would consider buying a pink car.

- **Tempting technology.** Many automakers are using infotainment systems that integrate the driver's smartphone and its apps, for ease of use and familiarity.

This research has led Nissan to incorporate such things as lighting and ma-

terials to improve the vehicle cabin's appearance, along with practicality. On three-row SUVs, the second-row seat slides forward in such a way that if it has a car seat on it, it's still easy to get into the third row. "We said, let's finally get it right where I don't have to move my kid out of the car seat to get my other kid into the back seat," Nguyen says. "We put

foot down, and put a push on engineering for that."

Women also want technology as much as men do, but it needs to be intuitive and easy to use. The company is continually working on designs that take the enormous amount of information available, and present it in formats that are accessible, affordable, and also minimize distraction.

Nguyen actually studied the La Femme's history, which led her to realize that while men and women can have differences in taste, a functional, well-designed vehicle works for everyone. "It's the kiss of death to say that you're designing for women," she says. "If you meet their needs, you will capture the needs of everyone."

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you have not made as much progress as you would have liked on a project, don't worry and certainly don't work even harder. Maybe in future you should set yourself targets you know you will be able to reach.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you need to get something finished, step on the gas. Mars in the work area of your chart will boost your energy but you won't get anywhere worth going unless you're motivated.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If someone asks for your opinion on a personal matter, you will be happy to give it. However, if your sixth sense tells you they won't be happy hearing the truth, maybe you should decline their request.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Feuds and power struggles are best avoided, even if it means you have to go off and be by yourself for a while. Do not, under any circumstances, make the mistake of taking sides.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need to get your financial house in order — quickly. Be ruthless with yourself and make sure you know the difference between your needs and your desires. If something is not a necessity, live without it.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your authority on the work front has slipped a bit and you need to find ways to remind people why they should do what you tell them. Be persuasive but don't be rude.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

According to the planets this is a good day for personal issues, especially partnerships. In affairs of the heart, you can hardly put a foot wrong at the moment — and a little of what you enjoy will do you good.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may not be able to rely on certain people as much as you have done recently, but you no longer need them. There is a major luck factor working in your life at the moment.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Make the most of the Sun in your sign to show the world what you are capable of. It's never too late to make an impression or to move up in the world but now it will be easier than other times.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may not have made as much progress at work as your talents deserve. But, with Mars moving through the career area of your chart, it won't be long before that changes.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Today, make an effort to read between the lines. What is not being said is likely to be ten times more important than what is being said. Also, watch other people's body language.

Pisces

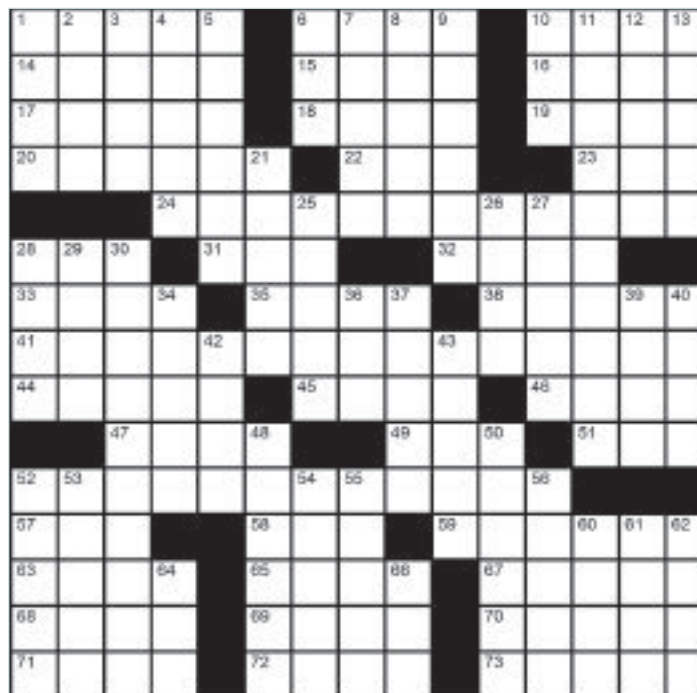
Feb. 20 - March 20

Be decisive today. Think and act fast and don't worry too much about what the consequences might be. Some people may get annoyed but they need to know you're not the sort to be messed around. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Fido's warning
- Color Me ___ ('90s boy band)
- Went too fast
- Mr. Spock's virtue
- Wise one
- Taken-back vehicle
- Flooded
- High-hatter
- Pouches
- Canada Goose garments
- As well
- British running great Sebastian
- Items worn by Queen Victoria at The Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto: 2 wds.
- With it
- New Zealand bird
- Blinds strip
- Mr. Redding
- Fashionably 'ready'
- Clear
- John Lennon's handwritten lyrics, etc.: 2 wds.
- ___ socks
- Hydrocarbon suffixes
- Hershey's treat
- Glorify
- Energy
- Sketch show, shortly
- Mount Everest professionals: 2 wds.
- ___ Mahal
- Li'l loudness



Down

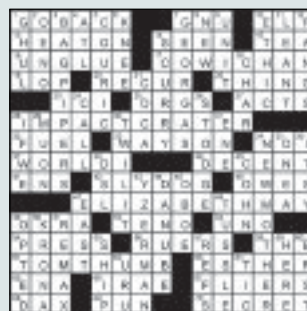
- "___ Shot" (1977)
- "And ___ word from our sponsor..."
- Seaweed product
- Hazards
- "To life!" in "Fiddler on the Roof" (1971)
- Microsoft mogul ...his initials-sharers
- Some relatives

- Cake-lover's spotting-cake reaction
- Claude __, Montreal-born singer/songwriter
- Grads-to-be, briefly
- They might be held to negotiate a treaty: 2 wds.
- Edmonton high-

- rise office building, __ Tower
- Prescription amounts
- Alpine sight
- "Instant ___!" by John Lennon
- Non-royal
- Eiffel Tower's home
- Lively circle dance

- "Lay ___ the line" by Triumph
- Food preserving containers: 2 wds.
- Broadway composer, Matthew __
- Long time
- Spectacular coin-collecting fountain in Rome
- Priority of __, in "The Da Vinci Code"
- "My Name Is ___"
- "You Raise ___" by Josh Groban: 2 wds.
- Thespian's line to the audience
- Canadian writer, Robertson __ (b.1913 - d.1995)
- Canadian actress Ms. Ory
- Ms. Katic of "Castle" on ABC
- Ms. McCallion, Mayor of Mississauga, ON since 1978
- Nickname of Gregory Harrison's character on "Trapper John, M.D."
- Extreme
- Chimney's characteristic
- Smidgen
- Ice floes animal
- "___ Breckinridge" (1970)
- Cow's communication
- Furniture wood

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	2	4	7	6	3	5	1	9
1	3	5	2	9	4	6	7	8
6	9	7	5	8	1	3	2	4
2	7	1	3	5	8	4	9	6
9	5	3	6	4	7	1	8	2
4	8	6	9	1	2	7	3	5
3	1	8	4	2	6	9	5	7
7	6	9	8	3	5	2	4	1
5	4	2	1	7	9	8	6	3

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1	6					4		
	7	9	4				8	

Today

-18°/-21°
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Thursday

-15°/-24°
Flurries
40%

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